

In the Specification

Please amend the specification on page 1, line 4, as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/997,485, filed November 30, 2001, now allowed, which is a continuation-in-part of copending application 09/454,441, filed December 3, 1999, which claims priority to United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/110,889, filed December 4, 1998, entitled MULTI-COLORED TAGGANT ELEMENTS. The disclosure of each prior application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.